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NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 30th day of November, 1904, an assessment (No. 40) of Two (2) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, Room 28, 330 California street, San Francisco, California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 31st day of December, 1904, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Saturday, the 31st day of January, 1905, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.  
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OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR, OF THE COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE taxpayers of Amador County, that I, T. K. NORMAN, Tax Collector of Amador County, will on the 10th day of October, 1904, receive from the County Auditor of Amador County the original assessment books for the year 1904, containing a list of the persons assessed for real and personal property, and the amount of State and County taxes due thereon for said year.

That said taxes are now due and payable to me at my office in the court house, in the town of Jackson, county of Amador, State of California.

That the taxes on all personal property secured by real property, and one-half of the taxes on all real property were due and payable on the 10th day of October, 1904, and will be delinquent on the last Monday in November next, at 6 o'clock p. m., and that unless paid prior thereto, five per cent will be added to the amount thereof, and if said one-half be not paid before the last Monday in April next at 6 o'clock p. m., an additional five per cent will be added thereto.

That the remaining one-half of the taxes on all real property will be payable on and after the first Monday in January next, and will be delinquent on the last Monday in April next, at 6 o'clock p. m., and that unless paid prior thereto, five per cent will be added to the amount thereof.

That all taxes may be paid at the time the first installment is herein provided for, and payable.

First installment, one-half real estate and all personal property, due October 10th, 1904. First installment, one-half real estate and all personal property, delinquent November 27th, 1904, at 6 o'clock p. m.

Second installment, one-half real estate, due January 2nd, 1905. Second installment, one-half real estate, delinquent April 24th, 1905, at 6 o'clock p. m.

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Taxes not paid according to law will be delinquent and 15 per cent and 5 per cent and other costs will be added to the amount thereof.

Positively no checks received for the payment of taxes.

**T. K. NORMAN,**  
Tax Collector of Amador County.

**Notice of Intention to Become a Sole Trader.**

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Amador.

In the Matter of the application of Annie Pearce, to become a Sole Trader.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, ANNIE PEARCE, wife of Samuel J. Pearce, resident of Amador City, County of Amador, State of California, being desirous of availing myself of the provisions of Title XII, Part III of the Code of Civil Procedure of the State of California, intend to make application to the Superior Court of the County of Amador, State of California, on Saturday, the 10th day of December, 1904, at the opening of the Court, for Judgment and Order of said Court, authorizing me to carry on and transact business in my own name and on my own account as Sole Trader.

The nature of the business I propose to carry on and conduct is that of hotel, wholesale and retail liquor business, at Amador City, County of Amador, State of California.

Dated and signed this 11th day of November, 1904. (Signed) ANNIE PEARCE, Petitioner.

Chas. H. Crocker, Attorney for Petitioner. nov 12td

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**ESTRAY NOTICE.**  
Came to the Prindle Ranch near Rich Gulch, one small bay mare, star in forehead, weight about 800. No brands. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges. The animal was formerly owned by H. Newman, the blacksmith at Electra, some eight months ago. oct 28

**JUST LIKE A MAN!**

By Belle Maniates

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"Why so pensive, Mabel?"

"I was just thinking of you, Billy. I want to coach you."

"What's on now?"

"We've just had a letter from Aunt Maria, our one and only rich relative, and she is coming to visit us."

"And you want me to do the nice thing and show her about, I suppose. All right. Count on me," responded Billy cheerfully.

"No, indeed, Billy; far from it. What I want particularly is that you should keep in the background during her visit."

"Oh, of course, if you are ashamed of me before your rich relatives," he replied in offended tones.

"Wait, Billy, till I explain. Our Aunt Maria is a widow and childless. Naturally we are all posted on her life's peculiarities, of which she has many, and are careful not to offend in any way. There are so many subjects that are tabooed that I never can coach you on them all before she arrives, so when you meet her you must keep as quiet as you can and only—"

"Speak when spoken to," interrupted Billy, "like a good little boy. I'll try to remember my childhood precepts, but I am of the opinion your Aunt Maria will think her niece is not going to make a very brilliant match. If I don't speak, she'll think me a regular stick."

"It's far better she should think that than to have you win her dislike by saying the wrong thing. You know you haven't much tact, Billy. I am glad of it. A tactful man seems effeminate."

"That's right! Put some sugar on the medicine," he muttered reproachfully.

"But there is one subject, Billy, you must not mention as you value your life, your reputation and my friendship. Do you think you can remember?"

"I'll try awfully hard. What is it?"

"It's corns."

"Corns?"

"Yes. You see, when Aunt Maria's husband was poor—before he struck oil in Texas—he was a chiropractitioner. Aunt Maria has always seemed ashamed of that fact, and we were always cautioned not to say a word along those lines."

"Well, I'll try not to tread on her toes."

"Oh, Billy!" expostulated Mabel. "When is she coming?"

"Tomorrow. Come up in the evening and call."

The following day Billy went about ruefully studying a little memorandum he had written out and kept constantly repeating to himself, "Mustn't say corns." Consequently when he appeared at the home of his fiancée that evening and was presented to Aunt Maria the only topic in his thoughts was corns.

He replied to all her approaches toward conversation in monosyllables. Finally there came a prolonged and deadly lull, and Billy, after racking his brains for something to say, blurted out:

"Did you ever read Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress'?"

"Oh, Billy!" faintly gasped Mabel. The withering looks from the other members of the family and the feeling that he had made himself generally disliked caused Billy to bring his call to an abrupt termination. The next day Mabel telephoned him to meet her in the park.

"Billy," she cried as soon as she saw him, "I know you so well that I know how it happened, but mamma and the girls are furious at you and declare you did it on purpose, and I guess, Billy, you had better not come again until Aunt Maria has gone and the family is cooled down."

Billy groaned.

"You didn't say anything about bunions."

"It would have done no good if I had."

"What did your aunt say about me—anything?"

"She asked what your business was."

"What did you tell her?"

"I told her you were only through college and had not yet decided what to go into."

"How long will she stay?"

"A week. It will be the longest one I ever put in. We must say goodbye until she goes. It will never do to meet you this way again. They would be sure to hear of it."

bel and her family—especially the family—objected so strenuously that I decided to give it up. I have followed up several other leads, but all my heart was in my first choice, and I don't think I'll ever succeed in any other."

"They are fools," she asserted, "to interfere in your business, and you must excuse me if I say you are a fool if you let them influence you."

"I claim you are right, madam, and I have today taken the necessary steps toward opening a place of business."

"What business is it?"

"I intend to be a chiropractitioner."

She turned a keen glance of suspicion upon him, but he continued calmly:

"My uncle in his early days was a chiropractitioner, but of course in his day it was different and not looked upon as it is now—as a branch of surgery that requires skill. You see, Mabel's family is a little old fashioned and conventional and don't realize how things are changing and that no business is looked upon slightlying nowadays."

"Yes, it is, but it is to be ashamed of," she said, bristling. "Still, there are other things in which you could make more money."

"It's a very lucrative profession," he argued.

"Why, we never found—I mean I never heard of its being a money-making business."

"I had occasion recently to have a—"

"He—shied at the word and then bravely forged ahead—"corn removed. I stepped into an artistic little waiting room and made my wants known to an attendant. Then I was ushered into an operating room. A trim little maid came and removed my shoe and sock. In came the chiropractitioner, who made a bow, drew forth an instrument with a flourish, shaved off my corn and vanished in a moment. Then the maid put on my shoe and sock, and I went into the office, where I paid \$2."

"Two dollars!" gasped Aunt Maria. "Why, we never—paid so much to have one removed in my day."

"A bunion is \$5," resumed Billy, "and it's a great deal now among women to have their toes manicured, and that's a dollar was lost in her thoughts for a few moments. Then she said:

"It must be profitable. Still, if Mabel is sensitive about it I'd try something else."

"Mabel isn't so opposed to it as the others," he replied.

"Yes, she is. She is afraid of hurting your feelings by saying much against it. I'd try something else."

"But, you see, everything else requires so much capital."

"I'll tell you what I'll do," she said after another silence. "Do you mind going into business in Texas?"

"No, except I'd hate to leave Mabel."

"Take her with you."

"Couldn't afford it until I got established."

"I have oil wells in Texas, and my manager is going to leave. One of my objects in coming here was to find a smart young man. If you will take the place and promise never to be that other thing I'll pay you \$2,500 a year."

"Agreed!" he cried. "But it's awful kind of you."

"I am not doing it because I am fond of you, young man, but Mabel is my favorite niece, and I can see she is bound to have you if she has to oppose the whole family, and I—well, I don't wish to marry a chiropractitioner. I know just how she feels. There is something I want to ask you. Why did you leave her so abruptly last night? Did you take a dislike to me?"

Billy's brain had certainly become feeble.

"Oh, no, ma'am, but ever since I have expressed a desire to adopt the profession I told you any word pertaining to anything that would remind them of the subject has been prohibited by Mabel's family, and as soon as I asked you to marry me, with no idea of such an interpretation being put upon it, if you had read Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress' I knew by the atmosphere I had put my foot in it, and I couldn't stay longer and stand up against the black looks I was getting."

"That was far fetched in them," she said in disgust, "as if any one had got to weigh every word they speak beforehand."

Mabel's eyes shone with delight when she saw Billy and Aunt Maria come in together and heard the proposition, but her family thought he had used underhand means to scheme for Aunt Maria's fortune.

"Billy," asked Mabel when they were alone, "how in the world did you manage? What did you say to Aunt Maria to get in her good graces?"

"Mabel," he answered solemnly, "I talked of corns all the way to the house."

**Change of Habit.**  
The chimney swallow built its nest somewhere long before the white man constructed chimneys, the potato bug has its home on the plains before it ever knew a potato, and the common elm beetle has fed voraciously in the mountains of North Carolina on a species of skullcap scutellaria, touching apparently no other plant, in localities where the elm was not to be found. In gardens half starved bees have taken to grapes and raspberries. Once when there was no rain from the Fourth of July until Oct. 12, every thing became parched long before, and insects living on green food did not increase, the robins took to seeds and green fruits. The apples in the orchards were dug out as if by mice. An American Golden Pippin, with a heavy crop, presented a remarkable appearance with what should be apples hanging on the trees like empty shells. In brief, no creature will ignore the promptings of nature. It will change its habits when necessity demands.

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**THE TIRED COWBIRD**

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The cowbird was born so tired that if he could compel any other bird to gather his food for him he would do so, but he cannot, so he scratches at all but day among the herds of cattle and sheep and goes to roost at night in great bands of hundreds of his relatives, always selecting a bushy tree, such as a cypress, for a night's perch. All up and down the Mississippi river valley is the common summer home of these birds, for only in the depth of winter do they retreat to the warmer mesas of Mexico, whither most of the other birds have preceded them. In the spring following such a winter they are the first to return, filling all the new year air with their chatter and lining the barnyard trees.

You must not think that the glossy black and brown birds so plentiful around southern California barnyards during the winter months are cowbirds, for they are not. They are called "grackles" and seem to be more like crows than blackbirds. You can find their nests, big, bulky affairs, in the orange and cypress trees of almost any of your ranch homes. There are many, many members to the blackbird family, the sweet voiced meadow larks and the gorgeous golden orioles as well as the more sober colored blackbirds and grackles, and of all these but one forces the hatching of her eggs and the feeding of her young on to another bird mother.

In England the cuckoo has this same habit, but the American cuckoo builds her nest and sits on her eggs as modestly as any robin or dove could do. Sometimes our road runner so far forgets herself as to lay her eggs in the nest of a quail or a meadow lark, but not often, but when she does the bird upon whom Mrs. Road Runner tries to impose generally breaks the strange egg or else goes away and leaves the nest alone. Then the field mice and the wood rats have a feast, to which sometimes the road runner comes herself, for she is very fond of eggs as long as they are not very fresh.

But the cowbird never makes any such poor job that she always selects the nest of some smaller bird—in regions where warblers are plentiful the home of one of these little singers is most frequently chosen—and there as many eggs as she thinks the owner of the nest will submit to be laid. Sometimes the warbler goes right on incubating the intruder, but now and then the two old birds get together and dump the egg out on the ground. Nests have been found in which the warblers put a mud floor over the first nest and built another one on top of it, leaving their own eggs to spoil because they knew no other way to rid themselves of the cowbird. If the cowbird comes back by the repaired nest she will put another egg in it, and generally this egg is hatched and raised by the foster pair on whom it has been forced.

It requires about ten or eleven days for the young cowbird to break the shell, while most other birds of its size are two or three days longer, and thus he has a good start on the other nestlings in point of growth. When hatched the cowbird is larger than the sparrow or the warbler and consequently gradually crowds them into the background, taking all the food that should belong to them. As they grow weaker from this he grows stronger, and it is not long until he tips the scale of the nest and is sole master of the two old birds, who work ceaselessly to satisfy his awful appetite. In a very few days he gets too large for the little nest and goes out into the branches, where the old birds still continue to feed him in a way they never do their own young after they have left the nest. In Mexico and South America there is a cowbird that sometimes builds a nest of her own and sits on it exactly alike to her own eggs, but no such thing ever happens among the black hobs of the oriole family found farther north.

How many eggs a cowbird lays no one knows, but as many as seven have been found in one nest of the oven bird, a kind of thrush found in the eastern states. Usually, however, only one egg is laid in each nest, especially if the birds to whom the nest belongs are small and the nest too little to hold more than one of the cowbird's young in comfort. The parent cowbird never disturbs the eggs of any of the birds in whose nests she leaves her own, knowing full well that if she did so the nest builder would in all probability desert her home or throw the strange egg out. Oftentimes more than one cowbird lays in the same nest, and as no two eggs of these birds are ever exactly alike in color you may be sure that no cowbird knows her own egg half a minute after she has laid it.—Los Angeles Times.

**Liked Wooden Ships.**  
Admiral Farragut was a "very old fashioned sailor, with a strong prejudice in favor of wooden ships," says Captain F. S. Hill in his "Twenty Years at Sea." The admiral had gained his victories in such ships and declared himself "too old a dog to learn new tricks." In the Mobile fights his flagship was the wooden ship Hartford, though he was urged to take the new ironclad Tecumseh. It was a noteworthy coincidence that the Tecumseh was the only vessel lost in the battle. She was sunk by a torpedo and went down with her captain and more than a hundred of her crew.

Every man has just as much vanity as he lacks understanding.—Pope.

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**HIS APOSTOLIC MAJESTY.**

Title of the Emperor of Austria as King of Hungary.

The title of "apostolic majesty" is borne by the emperor of Austria as king of Hungary.

Hungary was ruled by dukes from its conquest by the Magyars to the year 1000, the regal title being assumed first by Vaik, whose education had been entrusted by his father, Geyza, who had married a Christian princess, to Adalbert, bishop of Prague. On succeeding his father Vaik embraced and established Christianity, applied for and received from Pope Sylvester II, the title of "apostolic king," was crowned as Stephen I, and afterward known as St. Stephen.

The title was renewed by Clement XIII. in 1758 and, though abolished in 1848, was reassumed as "apostolic majesty" in 1851 and restricted in 1868 to the Austrian emperor in his character as king of Hungary. The privilege of being preceded by a cross bearer was granted with the original title.—London Standard.



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## CHRISTMAS.

The celebration of Christmas originated in the desire to perpetuate the memory of the birthday of Jesus of Nazareth. It was first instituted as a solemn religious festival, and is still so observed by several of the christian churches. The religious austerity with which it was for centuries observed, has to a great extent given place in America to a season of joy and gladness, and more especially as a period of gift making for young and old. The message of "glad tidings of great joy" which the angel visitors are said to have proclaimed to the watching shepherds over the plains of Bethlehem, is repeated in a more material form to children and adults of nowadays, in the presentation of some token of esteem and good will. Like the exact date of the notable, though lowly birth which it commemorates, the establishment of this holiday, as far as time is concerned, is in a great measure lost in the mist of centuries. It is no doubt true that the festival as now observed bears little resemblance to the ceremonies attending its celebration in the early period of the christian church. Still it is nevertheless true that the idea of gladness and good will has marked its celebration, either in a spiritual or material form or both, throughout the ages. The wise men that came from the east to lay their costly gifts before the babe of Bethlehem, have their counterparts to-day in the gifts to the child world at every recurrence of Christmas-tide. The survival of this birthday celebration through twenty centuries—making due allowance for changes or impairment in methods—is in itself a remarkable fact. It stands out unique and alone on the pages of authentic history as the only birthday festival that has withstood the ravages of time. It is moreover beyond dispute that the life which was nursed in that manger cradle in the Judean village has exerted a more potential influence upon the world's history than any other event before or since. Men may differ in estimating this remarkable birth, and the still more remarkable life that succeeded it, but there can be no question of the wonderful impress they have left upon the world. Other great men have merely fitted across the stage of human action. They have left their impress, it is true. Caesar and Alexander and Napoleon aspired to universal dominion. Each in his day perchance created a greater furor in their resort to world conquest by the mortal sword than did the Prince of Peace in his life time. But these warriors are comparatively forgotten. Their birth and life work are gradually being swept into oblivion by the corroding hand of time. But the advent and life of the Nazarene seem to gather in strength and influence with the passing years.

## AMENDING GAME LAWS.

The game laws seem to be as perennial a source of change as the road laws or the election laws. The next legislature will be asked to take another whack at these laws in the effort to adjust them to public satisfaction. They need changing; there is no divergence on that point. In some respects they are little short of idiotic as they now stand. And they will surely continue so as long as the law-making body takes its cue from the high-toned sporting clubs of the larger cities, whose members seem to imagine that their desires and pleasure ought to be of supreme importance on this subject. To redeem the question from inconsistency two things are essential: First, if game can be lawfully killed, the killer should enjoy the privilege of making some useful disposition of the carcass. Second, the right to kill should also carry the right to sell or give away the game at the option of the slayer. These are fundamental propositions. To attempt to separate them—as our present statutes do—is illogical and unjust. Game belongs to the people of the state, and while it is impracticable for every person to hunt on his own account, there should at least be no legal impediment placed in his way in the enjoyment by purchase of the trophies of hunting by his fortunate situated fellow-men. Better prohibit the slaughter of game absolutely for a term of years, than to limit the enjoyment thereof to any select class after the game is legitimately killed.

We make a specialty of printing all kinds of notes, receipts, checks etc. Send your orders to the Ledger office.

## A RAILROAD BONANZA.

We publish in another column an article from the Call of last Sunday on the Ione and Eastern railroad, now in process of construction to tap the mineral belt and the population center of the county. The article deals largely with the anticipated business of the road. It paints the theme in glowing colors. Perhaps the picture is somewhat overdrawn. Certainly if it comes anywhere near the mark, the short line railroad now approaching the principal towns of Amador ought to be the biggest paying venture in the railroad line, considering the amount of capital involved, in the state of California. It was at first estimated that the road could be built and equipped for 14 miles, connecting Ione and Jackson, for \$80,000. This calculation was considered at the time far below the probable cost. Allowing five times this estimate, and we have \$400,000 as the eventual outlay of 20 miles roadbed and equipment. This is at the rate of \$20,000 per mile, including rolling stock. Now the figures of the writer to the Call give a total tonnage, including both ways, of about 100,000 per year, not reckoning mail or express business. This would mean 2000 tons per week, or 1000 tons weekly each way—an average of nearly 150 tons per day. Of course the present traffic over the Amador Branch railroad does not reach anything like these figures. Probably the promoters of the new line do not anticipate any such rush of business at the outset, but are estimating on what the line ought to do when the resources are fairly well developed by the facilities afforded by the cheap and rapid transportation. One hundred and fifty tons means at least six fully loaded cars each way per day. At \$1.50 per ton the revenue from this source would be \$450 per day, or \$160,000 per year. In addition to this the passenger traffic is put down at 60,000 per year. At \$1 per head, this brings the revenue up to \$220,000 per year. To this must be added the receipts from mail and express matter, which will amount to considerable. Making a liberal allowance for running expenses, it must be patent to any one that a margin of profit is left far exceeding the usual net income of an enterprise of this kind. The Ione road, in short, promises to be a bonanza to its stockholders and promoters. It is surprising that a money-making enterprise of such a stable character should have remained dormant for so many years. We hope the promoters will realize their utmost expectations. They deserve all the success that can accrue from the undertaking. The talk, now that the coming of the iron horse is placed beyond the peradventure of a doubt, about automobile and traction engine opposition, will cause little worry on the part of the investors in the Ione and Eastern railroad. They are no more likely to cut any figure in the railroad business, than the old-fashioned stage-coach and wagon teams.

Governor Vardaman of Mississippi, in a public address stated that the people of the south will settle the race question in their own way, even if they have to resort to drastic measures to get rid of the negroes. The governor's fiery utterances must not be taken as the prevailing sentiment of the southern people. The race problem is a hard one to solve. The presence of the colored people in the southern states is a drawback to that section in many ways. Still the south as things are now constituted, could not very well get along without them. And after all is said, the south is the natural home of the negro in America. They could not thrive in any other section of the United States.

## Dwelling House Burned.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock Sunday morning the house of ill-fame on the west bank of the north fork of Jackson creek was totally destroyed by fire, with all its contents. The three female inmates are unable to give any definite account of the origin of the fire. They say the first thing they knew the building was enveloped in flames. They were unable to save any of the furniture. A trunk of clothes belonging to one of the women was the only thing saved. The fire was first noticed by nightwatchman Parker, who saw a great volume of smoke in that direction, and at once started to give the alarm. He fired his pistol four times. He tried to turn on the fire alarm at the box near the Red Fort store, but it refused to work. J. Smallfield happened to be on the street, and ran to the fire house and rang the fire bell by means of the rope. Even this failed to sound a general alarm. Not one-tenth of the people knew anything of the fire until they were told of it in the morning. The dwelling house was a large building, and stood apart from any other building. The flames had acquired such headway before any one was around, that nothing could be done to save anything, and as there was no danger of its spreading, there was really nothing for the firemen to do. The heat was so intense that approach nearer than a couple of hundred feet was impossible.

The house belonged to John Kuske, and was valued at about \$1000. The owner is not in the county at present. We understand it was insured for \$500. The furniture was worth in the neighborhood of \$1000. A fine piano, valued at \$400, was lost. It belonged to the company, and had been sold on the installment plan. It was covered by insurance.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

**DeWitt's**  
Witch-Hazel  
Salve  
PREPARED BY  
E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago  
City Pharmacy, Jackson.

The Ione and Eastern Railroad.

(S. F. Call, Dec. 18.)

In the foothills of Amador county is situated the town of Ione, a terminus of the Southern Pacific. From this point the Ione and Eastern Railroad Company is building a standard gauge steam railroad to the town of Jackson and Amador City, a distance of twenty miles. This railroad will serve the population of the three towns above mentioned, and will transport the freight and passengers for the towns of Sutter Creek, Plymouth, Mokelumne Hill and other points, and will carry the freight to and from the great mines of the mother lode, including the Zelia, Argonaut, Kennedy, Oneida, South Euureka, Central Euureka, Wildman, Keystone, Bunker Hill and Fremont mines.

The inbound freight will be lumber, oil, mining machinery, supplies and materials. The outgoing freight will be ore, sulphur, tailings, stock, and later on lumber and marble. The business of the company for the first year after construction is estimated as follows: 75,000 barrels of oil, 15,000,000 feet of lumber, 20,000 tons of freight, 18,000 tons of concentrates, 20,000 tons of tailings, 60,000 passengers, besides mail and express. These estimates are based on the business now being carried on by means of freight wagons and stages at rates about double those to be charged by the railroad company.

It is fair to assume that the construction and operation of the railroad will cause a constant increase of business and assure a steadily increasing revenue for each succeeding year. Competent authorities state that the earnings per mile of this road will equal or exceed those of any steam railroad in the state of California. With the above data as a "working force," the promoters of the road are sanguine of the most favorable results to the citizens of the county and to the investors.

The present time the company is Francis E. Beck, San Francisco, Cal. The directors are: Francis E. Beck, Henry P. Hoyer, S. C. Scheeline, J. P. Burgin, William Pardy Sr., G. X. Wendling and Jackson Dennis.

Early in May of the present year, H. E. C. Fousier, who knows the Sierras thoroughly, was engaged as chief engineer. The first preliminary survey was made on the north side of Sutter Creek. But on account of being unable to secure right of way, the surveying corps was called in and nothing further done till July, when the county board of supervisors granted a franchise, and the right of way by Martell was bought by the company, midway between Jackson and Sutter Creek, to which place the line will be extended.

The actual work of construction began August by the Atlas Contract and Supply Company, who are now sublet to the firm of Erickson & Peterson the construction of the first section from Ione to Martell's.

Right of way and terminals have been purchased, and some eight hundred feet of road have been received, and all the lumber for the trestles is on the ground.

The road opens great possibilities for the tiller of the soil. The climate conditions are favorable for the culture of pears, prunes, peaches, apples, cherries and berries. There are openings for creameries.

Many beds are found from which shipments are made to the potteries around the bay.

## Beware of Counterfeits.

"De Witt's is the only genuine Witch Hazel Salve," writes J. L. Tucker of Centre, Ala. "I have used it in my family for Piles, Cuts and Burns for years, and can recommend it to you as the best Salve on the market. Every family should keep it, as it is an invaluable household remedy, and should always be kept on hand for immediate use."—Samuel J. East, of North Y. N. Y. says: "I had a fever sore on my ankle for twelve days that the doctors could not cure. All salves and blood remedies proved worthless. I could walk for only two years. Finally I was persuaded to try De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, which has completely cured me. It is a wonderful relief." De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cures without leaving a scar. Sold by all druggists.

## School Notes.

Miss Maggie Devan, teacher of Oneida school, has resigned her position there, and it is understood will succeed her sister, Miss L. Esther Devan, as one of the teachers in Jackson school.

Miss Minnie Payne has surrendered her position as teacher in Mt. Springs district, and has been engaged to teach the Oneida school.

The people of Plymouth are agitating for a union grammar school in that section, under the law passed by the last legislature providing for a consolidation of a number of schools into one strong central school, and for the transportation of the pupils in the remote parts of the district to and from school. The plan has been found to work well in some of the eastern states. It has been found more economical than to maintain so many small ungraded schools; at the same time the educational advantages are decidedly superior. The consolidation method, all pupils having the benefit of the graded system.

## VOLCANO ITEMS.

If all the gold that will be taken from the various gravel claims within a radius of one mile from the St. George hotel during the next four months, could be seen in one pile it would be a sight worth traveling miles to see, for many co-partnerships have been formed by skilled mining men to operate on claims that have yielded abundantly in the past, and will no doubt continue to give up the precious metal in the immediate future.

Already operations have begun on the Elephant hydraulic claim, and although water is scarce piping is going on from 3 to 4 hours a day, and with John Baroni handling the nozzle tons and tons of dirt are daily being sent down from the mountain side to the debris dams below, where it will probably remain undisturbed for the next century.

Marsino and Sons are fast filling their large dump with gravel, which promises to yield more to the car than any ever before taken from their mine.

Murphy, Walker & Co. are pushing their tunnel further into the hill in the Grillo claim, and although they lost the pay dirt for a few days they are just coming into a layer of gravel that will do ample repay them for all the work and money expended.

L. A. McKee is doing some development work on his quartz claim near Pine Grove. We have never seen Mac pay a drill, but from the number of shots that he puts off in a day he is master of the art, or it is a mighty sandy clute.

Frank Clute, the genial landlord of the St. George hotel, who has been seriously ill for some time, is able to be on the street again.

Judge Robinson and constable Lesley are growing flush and fleshy since the increase in their salary, and both have already announced themselves as candidates for re-election.

John F. Clute, clerk, lawyer, and all-round good fellow, will leave for San Francisco the first of the year, where he has accepted a responsible position with his cousin, who is an extensive contractor.

Supervisor Grillo has been looking quite serious of late, and some of his most intimate friends have accused him of contemplating a resignation. But Grillo is not guilty to the charge, and says it is studied thoughts over important business matters affecting the county that has brought about the change in his appearance.

Peter Johnson, who returned from San Francisco last week, where they spent a month seeing the sights and looking after their property interests.

T. J. Quinn and family spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at the county capital. Little Tony will be Santa Claus gets all his toys in Jackson.

Volcano at last has a telephone girl. All the ranchers along the line have put in phones so that their sons will not be so long gone with home-made sleds to coast with the best of them.

Many of the business and dwelling houses are now brilliantly lighted with gas. "Gas-pipes" have always been plentiful in the town, but never before did we have the good thing, article that would burst into a beautiful flame when the match was applied.

One of our young men and his famous Black Beauty have made envious roads of late killing skunks. 35 of the sweet-smelling creatures have fallen by the wayside. The skins have been saved, and will be made into a robe and sent to the Czar of Russia so that he can travel in disguise after the war is over.

Coasting down hill on sleds with wheels is now the chief pastime for men and boys. The girls are growing envious, and rumor has it that many of them are making bloomers, and will appear on the scene shortly with home-made sleds to coast with the best of them.

School will close Friday for the winter vacation. Prof. Davis makes frequent trips to the valley, and has been inquiring about houses to rent of late.

The railroad is coming this way, so says the Ledger, and all are standing with open arms to receive it. No section of Amador county has more varied resources than this, and now will predate the advent of the iron horse more fully than the enterprising people of this eastern section.

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**CASTORIA.**  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of *Charles Lyons*  
AMADOR CITY.

AMADOR CITY, Dec. 14.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hill, of El Dorado, are visiting relatives here.

Wm. Palmer, wife and little son, are the guests of Mr. Palmer of Bunker Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Reeves have returned from their trip below.

Mrs. Chichizola and son James have returned from the city.

A tin shaver was tendered Miss Glondora Burns by her former pupils on Monday evening. E. LOIS.

Dr. Gall was called here recently to assist Dr. Freeman in a surgical operation at New Chicago.

Supervisor-elect Frazier on Sunday last was looking over our roads, so badly in need of repair.

A heavy shower of rice greeted Arthur Palmer and wife, nee Miss Glondora Burns, last Wednesday, in token of the good wishes of their numerous friends for their happiness in the matrimonial journey.

The Companions of the Forest are taking on new life, a part of each meeting being devoted to initiation ceremonies.

We hear the Knights of Pythias are organizing a Uniform Rank lodge at this place.

There are no new cases of typhoid, though some are only now convalescing. The dreaded scourge, lasting from last April till the middle of December, has had an unprecedented run in our county, only a few of the last cases being of a dangerous type. We are now about safe in predicting an end for this season at least. GASTON.

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Christmas Tree at Hospital.

At the county hospital tomorrow evening, the monotonous life of the inmates will be lightened up by a Christmas tree, specially for the patients. This is the first effort of the kind in many years. Parties wishing to donate any little present to any one of the inmates will send the same to the superintendent, F. LeMoine, and the same will be used to decorate the tree, and find its way to the person designated. The joy of anticipation of this event is perhaps worth more to the inmates than the actual possession of the articles donated.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

**Ayer's**  
Cherry  
Pectoral  
up a cold in a single night,  
wards off bronchitis, prevents  
pneumonia. Physicians  
advise parents to keep it on hand.

The best cough medicine money can buy is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. For the coughs of children nothing can be better.  
JACOB SHILL, Saratoga, Ind.  
25c. 50c. 75c. 1.00.  
All druggists.

for  
**Throat, Lungs**  
Ayer's Pills greatly aid the Cherry Pectoral in breaking up a cold.

## SHENANDOAH VALLEY.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY, Dec. 20.  
The weather has been making it unpleasant for some time lately. A hard frost at night, fog in the morning and evening, and a few hours' of sun make up the day. Seeding is almost entirely finished, and some of the grain is growing.

Your correspondent last week found some ripe strawberries growing in the open air, and of course took them in out of the cold. They were very nearly equal to those that grow in the spring.

The valley has taken "the Plymouth fever," and the result is shown in new buildings, and improvements made on old ones. R. M. Brown has built a new house and barn this year. J. A. Harrell has had an addition made to his house. Joe Davis is building a new barn. The cemetery, long given to disgraceful neglect, has been neatly fenced and thoroughly cleared of underbrush and all undesirable growths. This work has been done through the proceeds of an entertainment given by the school last spring, and through subscriptions from those interested in having the improvements made.

Mrs. F. M. Norris, of Oakland, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Brown sr., for a week or two. J. Bryant and family, of Mt. Anukim, have moved to the valley, and are living in the house on the Blower ranch.

Robert Jameson was severely injured about two weeks ago by his horse falling with him while after cattle. He was removed to Plymouth for treatment, and is now able to be about on crutches.

Sam Kasper and Miss Susie Sharp were married last Sunday at the bride's home in Placer County. They will live in Shenandoah, where Mr. Kasper has recently completed a house for the reception of his bride.

A young people of the valley gave a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harrell, in honor of their daughter, Mrs. M. P. Harbon. A jolly time was had in playing games and discussing a lunch provided by the young people.

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## SUPERIOR COURT.

HON. R. C. RUST, JUDGE.  
Mary Lee vs. William Lee—Interlocutory decree of divorce granted plaintiff on the ground of extreme cruelty.

Estate of Olivia A. Massa—Decree of distribution granted as follows: Two-fifths of property at Jackson Gate to Amador A. Massa; one-fifth to Albert J. Massa, one-fifth to Antonio D. Massa, and one-fifth to Daniel Massa.

Estate of Pauline Peiser—Hearing of petition of J. Newman for letters continued until Dec. 28.

Estate of Stephen Gurovich—Spiro Gurovich appointed administrator; bond fixed at \$500.

Estate of Hannah Davis—Lawrence Burke appointed administrator, upon filing bond of \$300.

Estate of John Jolietich—Order made setting aside the whole of the estate for benefit of widow.

Estate of N. Cuneo—Virgilio Podesta, William G. Thompson and Theodore Schwartz appointed administrators.

Estate of S. Gurovich—F. N. Soracco, S. Dragomanovich and Fred Werner appointed appraisers.

## NEW SUITS.

Amelia Ferri vs. John Ferri—Suit for divorce.

Estate of Louis Winter—Andrew Winter applies for letters of administration. Deceased died on the 7th of December, 1904, leaving personal property consisting of coin on deposit in Sacramento, amounting to \$431, and other effects. The total value of estate does not exceed \$440. The heir at law is Frederick Winter, over 21 years of age, residing at Neuhausen, Wurtemberg, Germany, father and sole heir of deceased. Petitioner is an uncle of deceased. Dec. 31 appointed for hearing petition.

Estate of D. A. Cooper—Sarah L. Trudgen petitions for letters of administration. Deceased died on the 10th of December, 1904, leaving estate in Sutter Creek designated as lots 3 and 4, in block 22, valued at \$500. Petitioner is daughter of deceased, and the only heir. Dec. 31 appointed for hearing petition.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials; free.

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Sold by druggists, price 75c.  
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## LANCHA PLANA.

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There will be an entertainment, dance and tree at the hall on Christmas eve.

Paul Koch, after a three months' visit with relatives in the east, also taking in the fair at St. Louis, has returned home.

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## LOCAL NEWS

Do not overlook our fine line of Xmas candles. **Cademartori's.**

PIONEER FLOUR always has been and still is the best.

Lemons, oranges, and bananas constantly on hand at Nettles' Mkt.

Mrs. Ella Stewart of San Francisco is on a visit to her father, William Kay, and other relatives in Jackson.

Many pretty remembrances that are novel and inexpensive at Freeman's.

Pioneer Flour is the "Lily of the Valley," the "Pearl of Perfection."

Mrs. A. J. Sargent, who has been dangerously ill in San Francisco, was much improved at last account.

J. F. Wilson, Dentist. Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Phone Main 404. Jackson, Cal.

Miss Daisy Bonney, of San Francisco, is up on a visit to her folks in Jackson, and will return to the city after the holidays.

\$1.00 air guns for 50c Saturday. We lead, others follow. Jackson Shoe Store.

Patrons of dancing should not fail to attend the grand masquerade ball in Amador City tomorrow night, Christmas eve, under the auspices of Amador City Miners' Union.

Olives, salami, swiss, limburger Martin's cream and California cheese at Nettles' Mkt.

Mrs. Rotagiatia, of Amador City, was in Jackson Monday, collecting donations for her son, who has been laid up for several weeks with a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Quantities of delightful Christmas gifts for boys and girls of all ages at Freeman's.

Dioneseo Guerra, a pioneer resident of Jackson, is lying dangerously ill with paralysis. He has been confined to his bed for several weeks. He is 82 years of age.

New neckties just arrived. Jackson Shoe Store.

S. G. Spagnoli, ex-treasurer of Amador county, came up from Oakland on Saturday last to attend the funeral of his niece, Elizabeth Spagnoli, which took place on Sunday. He left for his home on Tuesday morning.

Railroad trains, \$1.50 kind for 75c Saturday. Jackson Shoe Store.

The rainfall December 23 amounted to twenty-one hundredths of an inch, making a total for the season to date of 10.11 inches, against 8.60 inches for the corresponding period last year.

Elizabeth, the 22 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Spagnoli, died at the home of Mrs. S. H. Boxall at South Jackson on Friday last. Deceased was helpless from birth, and was in charge of Mrs. Boxall. On the morning in question she was seized with a choking spell, and passed away in a short time. The funeral took place on Sunday morning.

Toys at half price Saturday. Every toy must go 50c on this dollar. \$1.00 dolls for 50c. Jackson Shoe Store.

Someone entered R. Rugne's room at the Eugene boarding house a few days ago, and took therefrom a 30-30 rifle. Young Rugne does not know the number of the weapon, and hence there is not much show to hunt up the offender.

Nothing will please an invalid as well as a package of those fancy cakes from Nettles' Mkt.

The past week has been unusually cold, with a thick fog coming up from the bay, and enveloping Jackson a portion of each day. In Pine Grove they have not had any fog whatever. Up the Mokelumne river the fog bank penetrates as far as Elverta almost daily, while the high lands above the plant, where the reservoirs are located, are basking in sunshine.

Good mines of all kinds wanted. Inquiring parties, S. C. Trayner, 4 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.

Peter Marenzi, of the firm of Tam & Marenzi, returned last Sunday from a trip to his native country, Italy. He brought back with him his only child, a boy of 14 years, who had been left with his grandparents in the old country. Marenzi was 90 days in making the round trip, spending nearly two months of the time in visiting in Italy. He had been away over 10 years, and in this time a wonderful change had taken place, owing to the introduction of electricity gas, street cars, and other modern improvements.

Given away. The chocolate set now on display in our window, a chance given with every \$1.00 purchase of crockery. **Cademartori's.**

The latter part of last week L. J. Fontenrose, while seated at his desk writing, was seized with a peculiar sensation in his right hand, disabling him in a measure. A physician was called, and it was found that the disability was a slight attack of paralysis, affecting the wrist principally and resulting from continuous use of the wrist joint in writing. He was told to cease writing for a while, and has been resting at James Meahan's for the past week. He is recovering the use of his hand, and will be around again in a few days.

"After eight days' treatment by a doctor without receiving any benefit, I was cured in four days by Dr. Mason's Poison Oak Cure." F. M. Kanarlogel, Ione.

Garbarini Bros. have been engaged the past week in widening the bridge over the north fork of Jackson creek at the north end of Main street. As the old bridge stood it was found very difficult for a back action team to make the turn. One of Piccardo's teams a few days ago, came near going over into the creek in account of the narrowness of the bridge. The supervisors let a contract to Garbarini Bros. to widen it, at the same time providing a portion for footpassengers on the north side, for \$200. Five heavy steel girders have been placed across the creek, each capable of sustaining a weight of 60 tons. This will make the wagon roadway nearly double its former width. The work will be finished in a few days.

Hot tomatoes at the Union House. Parties will please leave orders before hand.

The Main street of Jackson has been treated to its periodical clearance of mud. There is no difference of opinion about the need of packing off the accumulation. How it comes to accumulate to such an extent as to require the services of several men a number of days to cart it away from every one block of the principal business thoroughfare, and that, too, not once but several times in the course of the wet season, is another proposition. It is about time that the supervisors to pass an ordinance prohibiting anything except rock being placed on the streets of a town. To allow sawdust, even for a temporary crossing, to be spread over the mud, is simply adding mud to the road. This fine rain converts it into mud, as effectually as the detritus from the wear of the roadbed itself. Fine gravel placed on the street as filling in material, serves only the same purpose. And it is this stuff in a great measure that requires hauling off at such short intervals. It is a steady round of hauling mud-making material on, and hauling it off.

## Big Sale Saturday TOYS

One-half price. All toys in our store must go at one-half of the selling price. Any article selling for \$1.00 goes for 50c and all toys must move out.

- Best \$1.00 Air guns for - - - - - 50c
- Big Blocks, regular \$1.00 for - - - - - 50c
- Railroad Trains, regular \$1.50, for - - - - - 75c
- Big Dolls, regular 50c, for - - - - - 25c
- Big Dolls, regular 75c, for - - - - - 40c
- Big Dolls, regular \$1.00, for - - - - - 50c
- Big Dolls, regular \$1.50, for - - - - - 75c
- Iron Toys, regular 50c, for - - - - - 25c
- All our 50c games for 25c
- All our 25c games for 15c
- All our 15c games for 10c
- Carpet Sweepers, regular 25c, for - - - - - 15c
- Full set of paints, regular 25c, for - - - - - 15c
- Full set of paints, regular 15c, for - - - - - 5c
- Iron Beds, regular \$1.00, for - - - - - 50c
- Good Pianos, regular \$1.00, for - - - - - 50c
- Good Pianos, regular \$1.50, for - - - - - 75c
- Good Pianos, regular \$2.50, for - - - - - \$1.50
- Big Upright Piano, regular \$4.00, for - - - - - \$2.75

Our prices mean business. No humbug. Our goods go just as these prices are, priced to you through our ad.

## Saturday Night Concert

Concert every evening and Saturday afternoon. Come out and hear some good music.

## JACKSON SHOE STORE

Regulators of low prices.

## Clothing, Clothing, Clothing

We have just received our Fall and Winter Clothing direct from the Union Factories. These goods are the swellest lot ever imported into Amador County. We fit all; and in sizes, quality and prices we lead. There are no equal in the make-up of these garments. One price to all. Goods guaranteed as represented.

## SHOW'S CASH STORE

Four miles from Jackson.

### Serious Accident.

The first accident on the Ione and Eastern railroad happened last Sunday, the victim being a brakeman named Barney Madden. Madden was on a flat car, that was being hauled from Ione to the end of the new line. A hand car, on which was Chas. Parker and George Folger Jr., of Jackson, was following right behind the flat car. An improvised telephone wire was strung across the road a short distance from the depot. This wire was suspended high enough to be out of the way of the locomotive, but it seems it was not above the danger limit for one mounted on top of the car. The wire caught Madden, who was not thinking of danger, and threw him off the car. He fell on the track, and before those on the hand car were aware of what had occurred, the hand car had passed over him. He was struck on the head, and otherwise injured. He was rendered unconscious. Medical aid was summoned from Ione, but we are informed he had not recovered consciousness the following morning, at which time he was put on the train and taken for treatment to the railroad hospital in San Francisco. From his prolonged unconsciousness it was feared that he had sustained serious if not fatal injuries. He is a young man, and has no relatives in this county.

### Runaway Accident.

A gentleman named Palmer was on his way to Paloma on Wednesday afternoon. He was proceeding in a buggy. Beyond Marre's hotel his horses became unmanageable and ran away. At Scottsville the vehicle collided with a buggy going in the same direction, and occupied by J. B. Luddy, of the Sand Pile mine, who was proceeding to Calaveras county. The collision threw both drivers out, fortunately neither one being badly hurt. Palmer's team continued its flight toward Paloma. Luddy's turned and made for Jackson. Letters and trinkets from the runaway vehicles were scattered along the roadway for several hundred yards. The teams were finally halted before any serious damage had been done. Mr. Luddy congratulates himself on his narrow escape. The team bound to Paloma was brought to a standstill by one of the horses falling over the bridge by the Kelly mine in Hunt's gulch. Prompt assistance was at hand, otherwise the animal over the embankment would have choked to death.

### Telephone Line Improvement.

The work of stringing the wires on the new telephone poles from Sutter Creek to Angels is now under full headway. They are working from both ends of the line. B. Stafford has charge of the force working from Angels, and S. Maun of the crew operating from Sutter Creek. They will finish the work outside of the towns first, so as to avoid inconvenience and delay in the local service as much as possible. It is calculated that it will take from five to six weeks to complete the work. The object of the new line is to get away from the power lines, which are a source of danger, and also to improve the quality of the telephone. The new pole line is of the most substantial character throughout. The poles are wood of the most durable material, and all painted white, except the lower part, which is black. George Russell, the foreman of the construction, was expected from Fresno this week to survey the work in the interest of the company.

### Wedding Bells.

On Wednesday, the 14th, two of Amador City's fine young people submitted to the ceremony that made them life partners, namely Mr. Arthur L. Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wales Palmer, and Miss Glendora O. Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burns. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. Hugh Baker, pastor of the M. E. church, officiating. Shortly after 9 a. m. the solemn word "were said, and when congratulations were over the company sat down to a bountiful wedding breakfast. A number of toasts were given while the guests were still seated around the wedding board, expressive of best wishes for a life of happiness to the new voyagers upon an untried sea. The couple were soon off by team for Lathrop, where they took the train for Sacramento, whence they went to San Francisco, to be home when—when only the small boys know. There were present John J. Palmer, grandfather of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Wales Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. William Burns, John Eudey and Miss Florence G. Taylor, who acted as groomsmen and bridesmaids, Lorna and Hilda Burns, sisters of the bride, and Mrs. L. White, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hill, Lloyd Hill, Messrs. Hazel and Laurence Hill, of El Dorado, Mr. and Mrs. William Facer, of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. James Ruel, Miss Elsie Ruel, Mrs. Ann Ruel, grandmother of the groom, and Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Baker.

### A Pleasant Pill.

No Pill is as pleasant and positive as De Witt's Little Early Risers. De Witt's Little Early Risers are so mild and effective that children, delicate ladies and weak men can enjoy their cleansing effect, while strong people say they are the best liver pills sold. Sold by all druggists.

Dr. L. E. Phillips and family left last Sunday for his annual vacation, and to spend the holiday season with his folks in Oakland. Dr. Goodman of Sutter Creek is in charge of his practice during his absence.

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### LOCAL NEWS

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Freeman's bright, sparkling line of Christmas gifts is ready for inspection. Give us daily some good bread. Pioneer Flour makes the best.

Allan Peek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Peek, came up from Oakland last week to spend the holidays with relatives in Jackson.

Turkey and raviola dinner will be served at the Union House on Christmas day.

When you wish the finest flavored coffee and teas, remember that W. J. Nettle keeps only the best.

Annie Love fell off a jack while riding near her home on Peek hill, and sustained an injury to the elbow which has necessitated carrying her arm in a sling ever since.

Mrs. M. E. Clark, who lives on Center street on the new son tract, has been confined to the house for several weeks with a cold. She is improving slowly, although still unable to be abroad.

Our line of fancy crockery is the finest and most complete. Drop in and see for yourself. **Cademartori's.**

Catholic church Xmas day services as follows: 1st Mass at 8 o'clock, Missa cantata commencing at 10 o'clock. Special music.

Dr. Wilson, the dentist, will leave for Santa Cruz tomorrow, to spend the holidays with his relatives there. He will return about the 28th instant.

Ernest Spagnoli, who is a student at Hastings Law College in San Francisco, came up Saturday last for the Christmas vacation.

The Ledger extends to all its readers the compliments of the season, wishing them a merry Christmas and happy new year.

After a prolonged tussle the board of supervisors of Calaveras county voted to locate the county high school at San Andreas. Now the residents of Angels and vicinity are talking of forming a union high school district. They claim that two-thirds of the pupils will be from that section, and propose to have higher educational facilities nearer home than the county seat.

The Mahara colored minstrel company performed in Jackson on Friday evening last. They were greeted with a crowded house. There are between 20 and 30 members in the troupe, and taken all together they are far above the average of traveling shows. This fact was circulated beforehand, and hence the full house that greeted them. They left for Ione en route for Stockton, shortly after the close of the performance.

Assemblyman C. H. McKenney and T. A. Chichizola had an altercation in Amador City last Monday, the outgrowth of a conversation concerning political matters that occurred in Ione a few days before. It seems Tom Chichizola was catcalled for failing to support the legislative aspirations of the candidate from Ione at the recent election, and retaliation was hinted at. A personal encounter was avoided at the time. On Monday the two happened to be in Amador City, and Chichizola was so wrought up over the lone episode that he went over to where McKenney was standing in the street and relieved himself of a lot of uncomplimentary language, and other unbecoming conduct. No blows were struck. McKenney made a complaint before Justice Rose, and Chichizola promptly pleaded guilty to assault and was fined \$15.

### Suit Over Walker Estate.

The widow of the late Thomas B. Walker, traveling passenger agent for the Southern Pacific Company, whose body was found in the Truckee river, and his three children by a former wife have gone to court over a \$5000 life insurance policy left by deceased. The children claim half the money as their share, while the widow is trying to have it set apart to her as separate property. Sacramento Bee.

### Bad Indeed.

Losing flesh is indeed a bad sign. Take Scott's Emulsion for it. For weak digestion, for defective nourishment, for consumption, take Scott's Emulsion. It restores flesh because it strikes to the cause of the loss.

Ten or twelve men have recently been employed on the Sugar Loaf mine near Nashville. It is the property of Dr. A. C. Smith, formerly of Plymouth, Ore. They are striking the old shaft deeper. —El Dorado Republican.

50c dolls for 25c, Jackson Shoe Store.

### MINING NEWS

JOSE GULCH.—The 10-stamp mill connected with this mine at Butte City suspended operations for a few days for the purpose of changing the old water wheel supplying the motive power to a new Knight wheel. Everything points to a satisfactory yield from the ore now being crushed.

KENNEDY.—The 100-stamp mill is kept going to its full capacity. The ore bodies that are being operated are large, but like nearly all big ledges on the mother lode, some of it is of such low grade that it cannot be milled with profit, and is not taken out. Another level—at the depth of 2600 feet—will soon be opened, and this will greatly facilitate the work of feeding the mill with its daily quota of ore.

EMPIRE.—This mine is being operated by an incorporated company, with a gentleman named Green as manager. It is situated in Murphy's gulch, and adjoins the Amador Queen No. 2. Like the latter mine, it is being worked mainly for the rich pockets that abound in that vicinity. Some of the ore is sent below for treatment. We are informed that the ore carries platinum in sufficient quantity to justify the extraction of that rare metal. This is a novelty in the ores of the mother lode.

WILDMAN-MAHONEY.—A number of men were put to work on the Wildman last Monday. Supt. Ross now feels confident that his company means business, and will place these mines upon the list of gold producers of the state. The citizens of Sutter Creek are quite elated over the prospects, and already the empty houses have begun to fill up.

DEFENDER.—The owners of this property are better satisfied with its present and future outlook than at any other time during the past two years. A 5-foot ledge of good ore is being worked from the old shaft, while a new shaft, at present over 90 feet, is being sunk on the south end of the mine. The ore taken from this new shaft is good for \$16 per ton. Superintendent Joyce is constantly adding new machinery to the already well equipped plant, and the result is that the mine can be worked with but few men.

NEWMAN MILES CO.—This company is thoroughly prospecting their claim, with most flattering results. A 6-foot ledge has been encountered, made up of two distinct kinds of quartz. Four feet of the ledge is of a dark character, carrying large quantities of sulphurets, while two feet is of a grayish color, carrying free gold that can be plainly seen with the naked eye. Many of the near-by claims are doing assessment work, and some are taking out good milling ore.

MADRONE.—Recently a prospective crushing was made of 110 tons, that went \$17.20 per ton. Another run will be made in a short time from ore taken from other parts of the mine. Several hundred feet of the ledge is now exposed, and the rock can be easily worked out. The old dump, taken from a shaft sunk years ago, has been found to contain much pay rock, and the proprietors intend to work it over during the coming year.

THE HARDEE PROSPECT.—A Mr. Hardee has bonded a mine in upper pioneer, and has four men employed sinking a shaft shaft. The manager is an experienced miner, and is well pleased with what he has seen in this district, and believes that in a short time he will be repaid for all money expended.

GRIZZLEY HILL GRAVEL MINE.—Thousands of dollars were taken from this mine, and thousands may yet be taken if some process can be discovered to save the fine gold. Gravel is still plentiful, but the further into the hill the work extends the lighter and finer the gold becomes. A gentleman from San Francisco is now trying a new process for saving the fine gold in placer places, and if it works here Mr. Tucker, the owner, expects to operate the mine on an extensive scale.

THE GLENN-FOGUS PROPERTIES.—These are two separate claims, but should by all means be consolidated and worked on a larger scale than it is possible for either company to do separately. The Fogus is not being worked at present, but the work being done on the Glenn is proving in an untimely way that the Fogus is as good if not better than its owners have ever claimed it to be. Robinson, McLaughlin and Glenn have formed themselves into a company to work the Glenn, and in a very systematic manner. The 4-stamp mill has been thoroughly repaired, a 25-horse power engine put in place to furnish power, erected a suitable bunk house, employed a number of men, and have gone to work in a way that means a good-sized gold brick each month. 65 tons of ore were placed in the new mill the first day. The ledge now measures 5 feet 2 inches, and every pound of rock carries free gold, and pays well to crush in the small mill. The tunnel is now 160 feet in length, and in all that distance not a barren spot has been encountered. The rock going from \$8 to \$10 per ton. The mill was shut down last June, owing to a lack of water for power, but now that steam is to be used the operators expect to run continuously throughout the year. Five more stamps will probably be added to the mill by the first of July. With gold in the rock and rock in abundance all the talk of the knackers cannot prevent these honest and hard working men from doing well.

### Christmas Sunday.

The Methodist church (the stranger's Sabbath home) C. E. Winning, minister, will have special Christmas services both morning and evening next Sunday. The morning theme will be "God's gift to man." The following special music will be presented: Christmas hymn "Joy to the world;" quartet "Wake the song," Miss Esther Breese, Mrs. C. E. Winning, Alex. Ross and Chas. Crocker; solo, "Glorious song of old," Mrs. W. J. Nettle. In the evening the theme will be "Man's gift to God," and the following special music: Solo, "The prophet king," Miss Norma Smith; anthem, "Sing unto the Lord," choir; solo, "Bethlehem," Mrs. C. W. Freeman. Wishing you a merry Christmas the pastor cordially urges you to attend these services.

### No More Suffering.

If you are troubled with indigestion get a bottle of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and see how quickly it will cure you. Geo. A. Thomson, of Spencer, Ia., says: "Have had Dyspepsia for twenty years. My case was almost hopeless. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure was recommended and I used a few bottles of it and it is the only thing that has relieved me. Would not be without it. Have doctored with local physicians and also at Chicago, and even went to Norway with hopes of getting some relief, but Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the only remedy that has done me any good, and I heartily recommend it. Every person suffering with indigestion or Dyspepsia should use it." Sold by all druggists.

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Track laying has reached to the neighborhood of Miller's station. At this point the trestle work which carries the line across the wagon road is being erected, and was expected to be completed this week. At Kerr's station the graders have encountered a solid body of hard rock, which involves much labor in blasting. This boulder will delay the completion of the line as far as Kerr's by several days. However, the road is making good headway. A large force is at work, and the company is pushing the road as fast as possible.	The Methodist Sunday School will this evening (7:30 o'clock town time) give the juvenile cantata "Waiting for Santa Claus." The children have been carefully drilled, and a pleasing program may be expected. About fifty children (one-third of the school) will be on the platform when Santa Claus arrives. The tree in connection with the evening's exercises is public and all are welcome to place gifts thereon. Admission free and no collection. Ledger & Chicago Inter-Ocean, \$2.50.	Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case, no matter of how long standing, in 6 to 14 days. First application gives ease and rest. 50c. If your druggist hasn't it send 50c in stamps and it will be forwarded post-paid by Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo. The Singer runs, the Singer sews, by simply pressing with the toes. By day I work, at night I sleep, because the Singer is so cheap. Wonderly, Agt.

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Clark Howard, a native of El Dorado county, has been appointed by Governor Pardee as judge of the superior court of Alpine county. Judge Arnot, who has filled the superior bench of that county for about 25 years, was elected superior judge of El Dorado county at the election held last month.

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Based on my experience, therefore, I should place the elephant first and the rhino third after the seladang, which is fully as formidable as the Cape buffalo and is miscible the bison all over India. Each of these animals is dangerous on different and individual grounds. The elephant, though less likely to charge than any of the others, is terrifying because of his enormous strength, which stops at no obstacle, and the extreme difficulty of reaching a vital spot, especially if, with trunk tightly coiled, he is coming your way.

I know of no sensation more awesome than standing ankle deep in clinging mud in dense cover, with the jungle crashing around you as though the entire forest was toppling, as the elephant you have wounded comes smashing his way in your direction. The seladang is dangerous partly because of the thick jungle he seeks when wounded, but more especially because of his tremendous vitality and his usual though not invariable habit of awaiting the hunter on his tracks and charging suddenly, swiftly and viciously. It requires close and hard shooting to bring down one of these six foot specimens of oriental cattle.

The danger of the tiger and of the lion is in their lightning activity and ferocious strength. But you have the shoulder in addition to the head shot if broadside, or if coming on, the chest, all sure to stop if well placed. The reason the rhino is so formidable is because its vulnerable spots are so hard to reach. Its brain is as small in proportion as that of the elephant and may be reached through the eye if head-on, or about three inches below and just in front of or just behind the base of the ear, according to your position for a shot—Outing.

## REMEMBER IN A SICKROOM

That medicine bottles should be kept out of sight.

That garrulous friends should be treated in the same wise fashion.

That a rubber leg bag is as useful as a hot water bag.

That everything about the room should be scrupulously clean.

That it is sometimes safer to humor sick people than to argue with them.

That rapid recovery from illness often depends more upon nourishing food than upon medicine.

That sweet smelling flowers should never be permitted in a room where there is a very sick person.

That both light and ventilation can be regulated by placing a tall screen between the bed and window.

## An Old, Old Story.

How ancient is the servant problem? A correspondent of the New York Post, referring to a letter from the Duchess of Ormonde, written in 1683, quotes from an epistle dated North Yarmouth, Me., March 26, 1785, as follows: "I have been without any but Betsy about a fortnight and am determined to continue so rather than endeavor to hire one of this country. The pride of independence is so prevalent here that the people had rather slave at home than live in my kitchen in plenty. Were I to take them to my table they would have no objection to oblige me. The want of good domestics is general; therefore I have less reason to complain, but I wish a method could be found to render us less dependent upon them."

## Why He Waits.

"I went to the trial of that brain testing machine," he said.

"Yes?" she returned wearily.

"I let them try it on me," he continued, feeling sure he would arouse her interest in due time.

"Yes?" she responded with the same evident weariness.

"It didn't work," he persisted.

"Of course not," she said, with some emphasis.

It took him some time to figure it all out, but when he did he decided to postpone his proposal for at least another week.—New York Press.

## The Tibetan Bible.

The Tibetan Bible consists of 108 volumes of 1,000 pages each, containing 1,083 separate books. Each of the volumes weighs ten pounds. In addition to this there are 225 volumes of commentaries, which are necessary for the understanding of the Scriptures. The type from which the Bible (or Kab-grur) is printed requires rows of houses like a city for storage.

## Couldn't Be Possible.

"Your symptoms," pronounced the physician, "indicate hydrocephalus."

"What's that?"

"Water on the brain."

"It can't be that, doctor," said Mr. Jagway, greatly relieved. "I haven't drunk a drop of it for six months."

Exchange.

## Who Was Concocted?

"If there's anything I hate it's a concocted person, and that Blowley is certainly the limit."

"What makes you think him concocted?"

"He told some one he knew as much as I know."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Wisdom.

Wisdom consists in the knowledge of little things, and we get best insight into our own characters when we give heed to the minor and often unworthy motives by which our conduct is influenced.

## EAST INDIAN METHODS.

A Servant's Subtle but Unsuccessful Scheme For Revenge.

A trade journal tells a story of an adventure which nearly cost one of its correspondents in India his life. The Indian merchant was a wealthy man who had got on well with the natives, but two of his servants had had a quarrel over a girl whom they both wooed. The merchant interfered in the fight. The unsuccessful suitor, Laj, began to make trouble, and his rival, the husband, warned the merchant against him. Nothing happened for some months. Then the merchant went away on business. On his return he was told that Laj had been caught in his bedroom and locked up. In the east this meant trouble. The merchant called his servants and had a thorough search made of the house. They examined every trunk, bureau and bedstead, every picture, statue and crevice in the wall and crack in the floor, expecting to find a hooded cobra or other poisonous reptile. They scrutinized every knob, handle and garment to see if it had been smeared with poison or with juices which attracted venomous creatures. Then they searched the wine cellar, the pantry and the storeroom. But they found nothing.

The merchant was tired and after eating went to the cabinet where he kept his cigars. It was a large case of oak and plate glass, with an old fashioned silver Indian lock.

As he was about to insert the key in the keyhole Laj's successful rival, who had been active in the search, cried, "Look out, sahib; some one has been meddling with that lock!"

The merchant examined the keyhole and found traces of wax. When they opened the case the merchant found everything apparently untouched. Five boxes of cigars were unopened. He had opened the sixth before he went away and removed a few cigars. As he took this box up he noticed on it the marks of fingers.

The cigars looked as if they had not been disturbed. He was about to take one when he noticed that something was wrong with the head. A second and a third were like the first. In each a small, almost imperceptible rose thorn had been inserted, and on it was a dab of brown slime still moist the same color as the cigar.

"Do not touch them, sahib," said the Indian. "They are poisoned."

The merchant sat down and wrote a note to the police. In half an hour an officer appeared with Laj under guard. The merchant stated the case to the officer and, taking one of the cigars, handed it to Laj, with the command, "Take it and smoke it."

The man turned gray and refused. His guilt was proved.

## An Epitaph In Condiment.

It was in the dining room of a country hotel, the Chicago Record-Herald says, and the brisk waitress held a glass pitcher above some steaming buckwheat cakes she had placed before the guest from town.

"Scrip?" she asked.

"Will you have it round and round or in a puddle?"

"Round and round or in a puddle?"

"I—I—in a puddle, I think."

The golden stream began its sticky descent on the center of the cakes, and as she poured the waitress included the guest and her work in one friendly contemplative glance.

"Some prefers it round and round, but I like it best in a puddle myself," she said graciously, as she shut off the stream of sirup with a dexterous turn of her wrist.

## A Nest of Criminals.

A spot practically unknown to civilization on the shores of the Red sea at Midl is the home of pirates and slavers, a regular nest of criminals. The place is inhabited almost entirely by men, for the sheik who holds absolute control there allows only the best of his warriors to marry. It pays no tribute to the Turkish government, for it lies at the end of a long, narrow harbor inaccessible to vessels. It seems probable that it will continue its career unchecked.

## Vocation and Avocation.

"Uncle Ephraim, what do you do for a living?"

"I preach an' I raises punkins, boss."

"Which pays you the better?"

"Well, o' co'se, I gits mo' money out'n de punkins, but I gits 'nuff distinction out'n de preachin' to make up de diff'ence, boss."—Chicago Tribune.

## Plain Everyday Fellow.

"I am really and sincerely proud of the common people," said Mr. Pompus. "I am fond of the plain everyday fellow who can never hope to be great. Call it quietism, if you wish."

"Oh, I wouldn't say that," interrupted Pepprey. "I'd call it egotism."—Philadelphia Press.

## Her Discovery.

"Your trouble, madam," said the physician, "seems to be due to an excess of adipose tissue."

"My goodness!" exclaimed Mrs. Plumpton. "I wonder if that isn't what makes me so awfully fat?"—Chicago News.

## His Safeguard.

Wife—Oh, John, you've been playing poker again. You'll become a professional gambler if you keep on this way. John (disgustedly)—No fear of that. I'm a rank amateur.—Philadelphia Press.

People who are always measuring their heads for their crowns seldom can show any cross scars on their shoulders.—Commoner.

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# Some London Streets.

In some of the older and narrower streets and alleys of London may be seen at each end two upright posts. At first it might be supposed that they served no more useful purpose than affording material for children to swing on. But they are used to indicate that the streets which are guarded by the posts are closed to wheeled traffic. Some of the thoroughfares in the poorer parts of London are so narrow that a large vehicle would do serious damage if it were driven along the street, and as they are generally short cuts would be much used were they not protected.

# Doing One's Duty.

Let us do our duty in our shop or our kitchen, the market, the street, the office, the school, the home, just as faithfully as if we stood in the front rank of some great battle and we knew that victory for mankind depended on our bravery, strength and skill. When we do that the humblest of us will be serving in that great army which achieves the welfare of the world.—Theodore Parker.

# Handy to Have Around.

"You don't mind my leaving so many of these bills, do you?" said the collector, with a touch of sarcasm.

"No, indeed," replied the woman in the door. "We rather like it. The children do their examples on the backs of them."

# A man never learns how to make his own coffee when he lives at home and his mother has headache, but after he marries he learns.—Athenian Globe.

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# PIGEON COURTSHIP.

It Sometimes Leads to Battles That Result in Death.

On a south Jersey farm, which was the home of a thousand pigeons and which was conducted by a woman who had formerly been a bookkeeper in Philadelphia, was found one particular fly and coop which was the abiding place of young doves that had reached the mating season. Purposely these young birds were associated together so that they might select their life companions.

The interior of the walls of the coop were filled with boxes, and those pigeons which had mated would select one of these boxes for their home and nest.

This period of courtship is one filled with excitement for the birds. Two young pigeon cocks, having selected the same hen for a mate, have been known to fight to the death in their rivalry. The method of combat is peculiar. The beak and wings alone are used, the combatants catching each other with their beaks by the skin of the head and beating each other with their strong wings.

Having once chosen his mate, the dove, with an occasional exception, remains constant to her through life. The occasional instances of infidelity cause discord in the coop, for when one pigeon tires of his mate and seeks another he meets a vigorous protest from the companion of the bird which he covets. When they have agreed to spend their lives together Mr. and Mrs. Dove select a box and the laying begins. The parent birds may then be less than eight months old.—Era Magazine.

# GODPARENTS.

An Ancient Institution, Doubtless of Jewish Origin.

We must doubtless look to the Jews for the origin of godfathers and godmothers. The use of them in the primitive church is so early that it is not easy to fix a time for their beginning. Some of the most ancient fathers make mention of them, and through all the successive ages afterward we find the use of them continued without any interruption. By a constitution of Edmund, archbishop of Canterbury, 1286, and in a synod held at Worcester, 1240, a provision was made that there should be for every male child two godfathers and one godmother and for every female one godfather and two godmothers. King Henry VIII., referring to the Princess Elizabeth, says:

My lord of Canterbury, I have a suit which you must not deny me—That is, a fair young maid that yet wants baptism. You must be godfather and answer for her.

—Henry VIII., Act 5, Scene 3.

A constitution of 1281 makes provision for a Christian name being changed at confirmation. This is practically a renaming of the child. The manner in which it was done was for the bishop to use the name in the invocation and afterward for him to sign a certificate that he had so confirmed a person by such new name. It is possible that this practice might have been in Shakespeare's mind when he wrote: Call me but love, and I'll be new baptized. Henceforth I never will be Romeo.

—Romeo and Juliet, Act 2, Scene 2.—Westminster Review.

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